



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor and Council Transit Task Force and to the general public that the Mayor and Council Transit Task Force will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public.

Mayor and Council Transit Task Force MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

**Location: 201 N. Stone, 6th Floor, Public Works Building
Tucson, AZ 85701**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. with 8 of the 11 members present. A quorum was established.

2. Introductions / Roll Call

*Members Present: Eugene Caywood, Chair (Ward 5)
Margot Garcia, Vice Chair (Ward 6)
Sami Hamed (CTAC)
Michael Wall (Mayor)
Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)
Brian Flagg (Ward 2)
Carolyn Campbell (Ward 3)
Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)*

*Members Absent: Vacant (Ward 4)
Vacant (CTAC)
Vacant (CTAC)*

*Staff Present: Carlos de Leon, Deputy Director of Transportation
Kate Riley, General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Mary McLain, Assistant General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Roy Cuaron, TDOT Management – Finance
John Zukas, TDOT Transit Service Coordinator
Rebecca Waid, TDOT Executive Assistant to Director*

3. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2014 and February 10, 2014

Minutes for January 27th and February 10th were approved unanimously.

4. Call to the Audience

Comments were made from the following:

Maria Cadaxa – Bus Rider's Union – Consider the working poor and their ability to pay higher bus fares – unfairness of it all.

Les Pierce – Asked some questions and made comments about the Downtown Loop

and concerns with – Streetcar redundancies of service.

5. Transit Update

- **Proposed Fares and Service changes**

At the February 19, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting the Council voted to move forward on staff recommended Alternate B (Economy Fare to 50% of Base over 6 years) the public comment process and Title VI fare and service equity analysis for proposed transit fares in the coming fiscal years. The Vote was 5 to 2

- **RTC Development** – *Guest speaker was not in attendance*

6. Proposed Bus Service Changes

At the February 19, 2014 Mayor and Council Study Session staff presented proposed Sun Trans service changes for FY 2015 based on the following reports:

- **COA**
- **Bus/Rail Interface**
- **Target Budget Service Review**

During the Mayor and Council Meeting of February 19, 2014 Mayor and Council voted to move forward the Comprehensive Operation Analysis and Bus/Rail Interface Review into the public comment process and not forward the Target Budget Service Review. An amendment to this vote was for the Bus/Rail Interface Review recommendation to include the changes to Routes 9, 20, 109X and the Downtown Loop. The Vote was 7 to 0.

Mayor and Council approval of any service and/or fare adjustments for FY 2015 is expected to occur in June 2014 after Mayor and Council take into account the public comment and the Title VI fare and service equity analysis on potential fare and service changes and to consider different combinations of revenue and cost option.

The Proposed Sun Tran Service changes from the COA and the Bus/Rail Interface Review would result in an estimated \$2.4 million annual operating budget savings in FY 2015 for the City.

The public comment process was explained and Title VI Fare and Service Equity analysis was discussed with committee. This process would start in March and continue to the end of April.

FTA process was also discussed – which hold City to compliance. The Committee requested a copy of the FTA document listing requirements.

January 8th Mayor and Council Communication – Sun Link Streetcar Pre-Revenue Service Fare and Service Equity Analysis was discussed. Committee inquired about this consent item and why they did not see this before it went to Council. A title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis was approved by the City Council to evaluate the impact on minority and low income populations for the Sun Link streetcar pre-revenue fare and service conducted per Federal Transit Administration requirements (FTA).

Gene Caywood shared with the committee Suzanne Schafer's correspondence to the Mayor and Council which everyone on the committee was copied electronically. Fare Policy was requested back on the agenda in a future meeting.

Gene Caywood stated he reviewed the COA thoroughly and created a "SUN TRAN COA – Comments/Recommendations" document to review with the committee. This working document takes bus services route by route with his comments and his recommendations. He would like to review this document as a group and revise this document to be committee comments and committee recommendations when complete.

Review of document created by Gene Caywood was discussed up to Route 4 and to be continued next meeting. Committee asked that staff would create an additional column on the document to include "Staff Response". Next Transit Task Force meeting the committee would like to discuss this document as a stand alone item.

7. RTA Transit Plan and Funding

Items reviewed by committee were:

- *RTA Funded Service Enhancements not implemented 2006 to Present*
- *RTA Funded Service Enhancement implemented 2006 to Present*

Handouts were provided for review and general discussion and a request was made that an updated document be provided when the RTA makes changes.

8. Strategic Plan Priorities

Item to be continued.

9. Call to the Audience

Les Pierce – commented on Youth riding the bus – riders under 16 and had questions in reference to the Economy Fare.

10. Next Meeting Date

March 10, 2014

11. Agenda items for next meeting

*Review Sun Tran COA – Comments/Recommendations Route by Route document
By W. Eugene Caywood, February 10, 2014 document*

Strategic Plan Priorities

12. Adjourn

Meeting ended at 5:32 p.m.